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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated December 1, 2009, Applicant in the above-identified application elects, without traverse, the **Species represented by Figure 1**, and identifies the elected species as **corresponding to Claims 1-7**. Applicant reserves the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected species.

Examination on the merits of the **Species represented by Figure 1, corresponding to Claims 1-7**, is believed to be in order. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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